RCMC General Meeting

Thursday, October 9th, 2025

Ron East – Secretary

Meeting opened at 9:50 AM

Warren Gregg President presiding

Number of members present 56

Warren introduced the idea of having a land acknowledgement at the beginning of each meeting. Asked members to respond to board members via e-mail

Martin Alderwick Chair Membership Committee

Guests:

Scott Teasell

Dale Gauley
Lloyd Longfield

Getting badge first time
Steve Ashton

Ken Marchant Chair Activities Committee

Hockey game – 18 attended
Memorial Day – November 11th
Xmas luncheon – more people attend – cost reduces

Frank Brewster Introduced Jim Carroll – our Speaker

Jim Carroll
Trained as a Chartered Accountant. 1982 changed his vocation – became a Futurist public speaker. He has written 40 books on the subject – available through the internet. He has done a lot of presentations in the U.S. – including Los Vegas. His theme is 'Being Unique' He resides in Guelph to be close to his grandkids.

The current methods of university education are becoming obsolete, thanks to Artificial Intelligence. Many of the predictions introduced in the comic series The Jetsons set in 2052 are already here. A.I. has already established many applications in medicine and for the consumer.
He introduced Moore's Law: Moore's Law refers to the observation that the number of transistors in an integrated circuit (IC) doubles approximately every 2 years. It is often cited as an explanation for the exponential growth of technology, sometimes even being coined as the 'law of exponential growth'.

This is also accompanied by a drop in cost. A.I. will change the world – How?
It will take over many jobs – including computer programming. This is a continuation of the technological revolution e.g. shopping on-line.
(note) the ability of A.I. to duplicate or copy websites (demonstrated in the presentation with the RCMC website) can create lots of fake shopping websites – buyer beware!
He also introduced the notion of machine learning:

Machine learning is a subfield of artificial intelligence that uses algorithms trained on data sets to create models capable of performing tasks that would otherwise only be possible for humans, such as categorizing images, analyzing data, or predicting price fluctuations. Today, machine learning is one of the most common forms of artificial intelligence and often powers many of the digital goods and services we use every day.

He introduced the idea of Just in Time Knowledge:

What makes just-in-time learning unique is a strategy focused on meeting the learner's need when it arises, rather than pre-scheduled education sessions that occur regardless of the immediacy or scope of need.

He talked about image generation, humanoid robots. We need to think big – the future is upon us.

Questions: Does A.I. create image stereotyping? Is it reductionist? Could copying and creating fake shopping websites spell the end of on-line shopping?

The meeting ended at 11:03 AM